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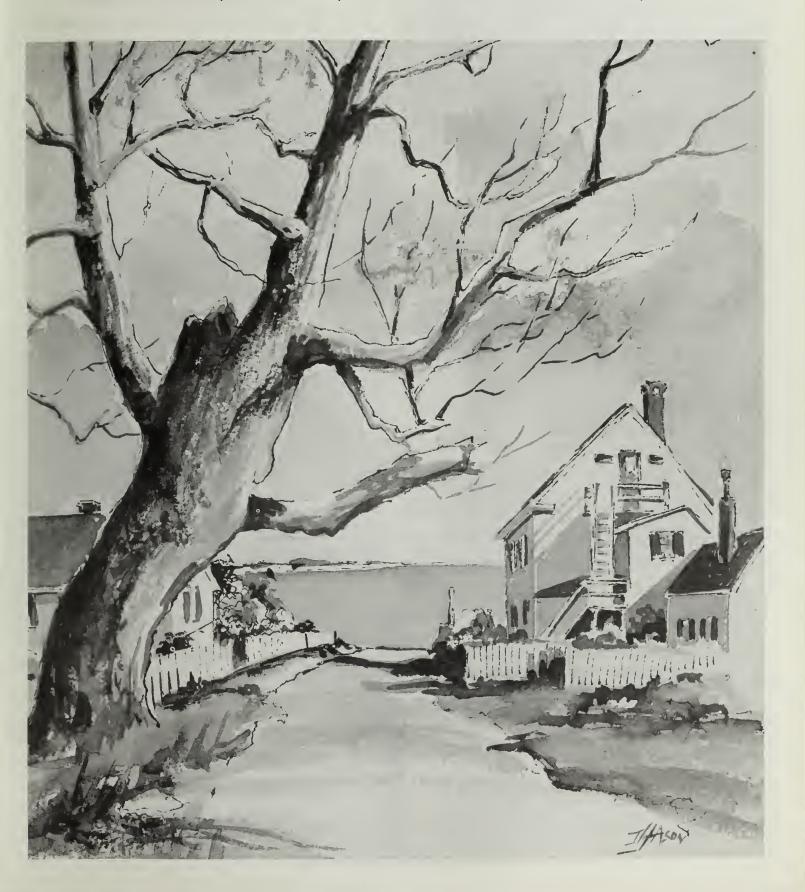
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Rev. and Mrs. Frederic Reynard and their two children, Susan and Allan, were honored at a Sunday afternoon reception by a large gathering of friends who came to wish them well on Mr. Reynard's new assignment in Connecticut and to express appreciation and pleasure for the Reynards' service to Mattapoisett, to the Congregational Church, but most of all for the valued friendships and close ties that have been strengthened over the 15 years that they have been members of the community.

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noon and would like to contribute to the Scholarship Drive, please send your check to Dollars for Scholars, Mr. William Betts, Treasurer, Point Connett, Mattapoisett.

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THE MISSING LINK IN A LATE REPORT Editorial DCJ

On page 18 of this paper, you will find a lengthy letter by Mr. Clifford I. Tripp. It doesn't follow that we have to agree with all he has to say. However, no person can deny that his contention, that the Mattapoisett Town Meeting's "We the People" vote blindly. It is true. We are forced to.

The Annual Town Meeting was delayed a full month in order to allow the citizens to read and digest a Town Report which has habitually been delivered two days before the Annual Town Meeting. So, what happened this year? It was delivered one month later only 2 DAYS before Town Meeting. No one can digest this report in 2 DAYS. So, everyone is forced to vote without proper background knowledge. This Town Report should have a deadline designed to allow a month for people to read it. Those officials or committee heads who don't make the deadline should have their reports printed separately and delivered separately. Then, they should be required to explain to the assembled Town Meeting the reason.

Conspicuous, in its absence from this Town Report, was the report of the Special Committee on Zoning created to report to the Selectmen. This committee, which labored hours weekly for over a year, presumably put recommendations down on paper. You'll search in vain through the Town Report for the results of this labor or even a summary. There is a clue. The planning Board report mentions that they hold the Special Committee's report. This Special Committee was formed to design zoning protection recommendations, specifically for Mattapoisett, in one year. Now, about a year and one half later, not a line of their findings has been published. Why? How long can we delay proper zoning?

Mattapoisett citizens should raise the roof. We should see to it that the 1967 Town Report reaches us in time to be read and read carefully. No taxpayer in this town can afford to vote over a million dollars a year in an uninformed and half baked manner.



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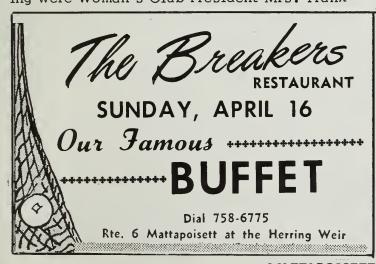
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LIONS DANCE ON SATURDAY

The Mattapoisett Lions Club will hold a dance on Saturday, April 15th for the enjoyment of the club members and their guests. Art Perry will play for dancing from 8 until 12. Refreshments will be served. The place - Knights of Columbus Hall on route 6, Mattapoisett.

GALA SPRING TOUR

Members of the Planning Committee for the April 25th Boston visit to the Gardner Museum to be en joyed by members of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club met on Monday for lunch at the home of Fine Arts Chairman Miss Lydia LeB. Walker. Chairman of Music Mrs. Charles A. Adams, recently returned from Florida, and Mrs. Victor Twiraga, Chairman of American Homes and Gardens, were present. Both groups are sharing the event and its responsibilies with the Fine Arts Group. Assisting the hostess, Miss Walker, was Mrs. Robert E. Crabbe, in charge of reservations, and Mrs. Clarence F. Fountain, Posters. Also attending were Woman's Club President Mrs. Frank





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Oxnard, ex officio committee member, and Mrs. Benjamin Brintnall, advisory. Miss Clara Beetle, committee member, was able to cancel an earlier engagement and attend. She plans to make the trip which is expected to be among the major events of the Club year and to draw wide response.

Those who have not yet reserved are urged to contact Mrs. Crabbe, to send the \$2.50 payment for the round trip by bus from Mattapoisett, and to mark their calendar for that special Tuesday.

CIRCUS AT LOFT SCHOOL

Three weeks from now on Saturday, May 6th, the Loft School Circus will take place, rain or shine. It will be held from 11 to 2 P.M. on the Marion Town House Field. A children's costume parade will precede the festivities, starting from the school at 10:30.

This should be a gala affair! Admission is free - there will be games both of chance and of skill, animals for show and for sale, grabs, tractor and pony rides, plants for children's gardens, plants for adults, used toys and books, etc. Children can be made up as a funny clown, an indian or a beautiful princess. They may try their skill at painting - all pictures will get to hang in the loft Gallery.

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MARION MOTHER'S CLUB TO MEET

The Marion Mothers Club will meet April 12th at the home of Mrs. Julie Davis at 8 P.M. Mrs. James Beuford, a new member, will give a cosmetic demonstration. Mrs. Albert Winters will serve refreshments assisted by Mrs. William Winters, and Mrs. Gertude Michaud.

The May 12th meeting will be at the home of Mrs. George Champigny. The program will be announced later.

The Club voted, in March, to hold their annual banquet June 21st at the Mattapoisett Inn.

Such a good time was had at the March meeting that it is hoped that all members will come for another enjoyable evening.

STUDENTS VISIT LESLEY COLLEGE

A very informative trip to Lesley College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, was taken by the Old Rochester Regional High School Future Teachers' Club. The students were introduced to life in a small college and were intrigued by the casual atmosphere. Information concerning the school itself was discussed in a meeting with the Director of Admissions, after which the group was treated to lunch. In the after-

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noon they were allowed to sit in on actual class sessions in English Composition and Speech. Informal contact with the college students and a tour of the campus highlighted the day's activities.

Comments from the Future Teachers' Club members indicate that this worthwhile glimpse into a possible avenue of elementary education will profit them greatly.

The F. T. A. group has been very active this year under the leadership of Miss Janeen Smith of Rochester who is the club's president.

MOMENTS FROM GREAT PLAYS PRESENTED

The Old Rochester Teachers' Association sponsored "The World of the Theater," a series of great dramatic moments from several of the world's great plays on Tuesday, April 11th. A completely professional cast was assembled, accompanied by a portable set, lights and music. The performance was given at Gilbert D. Bristol auditorium at the school.

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Shakespeare's "Henry IV" (Part 2) and "Hamlet," Moliere's "The Miser", Rostand's "Cyrano deBergerac", and Chekov's "The Bear". A short symposium between players and audience followed the last scene, with the audience asking questions and the cast answering them.

All proceeds will go to the Old Rochester Teachers' Association Scholarship fund. In May some deserving member of the graduating class of 1967 will be awarded a scholarship in the name of the Association.

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When you have collected all these articles, please phone the Volunteers of America at 994-2113. A truck will then come to pick up your items at your convenience.

Why don't we all try to help -- in this easy manner -- the less fortunate people of our community.

PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE THEME
OF PARENT-TEACHERS CLUB MEETING

The Mattapoisett Parent-Teachers Club will meet Thursday evening at Old Hammondtown School at 7:30 P.M. for the "Past, Present and Future." Past Presidents and the Mattapoisett school committee have been invited to attend this meeting.

An oven-barbecued chicken school lunch will be served, after which parents will be able to view projects, themes and drawings done by the children and inspect the new library. Election of officers for the 1967-68 year will be held and new officers will be introduced before the end of the meeting.

This meeting has been prepared by Mrs. Wayne

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Sippican Woman's Club

CAPT. ADAMS TO ADDRESS CLUB

Captain Wendell Adams of Otis Air Base will be guest speaker at the Sippican Woman's Club meeting of April 14th at 2 P.M. at the clubhouse.

Captain Adams is a native of Cushman, Arkansas and hold a degree of engineering from the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado. He is also a recipient of a commission as second lieutenant from the Academy.

Capt. Adams attended pilot training at Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma from which he received his aeronautical rating as a pilot in September 1963. The following month, he was assigned to the 962nd Airborne Early Warning and Control Squadron at Otis Air Force Base. In October 1965, he

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Members may bring a guest to this meeting.
Mrs. James Arne is chairman of hospitality,
assisted by Mrs. Eldon Hambley, Mrs. Claus
Cosman, Mrs. William Saltonstall, Mrs.
Leslie Goodwin, Mrs. Everett Davis and
Mrs. Davis Gallison, Sr.

AREA CLUBWOMEN MEET IN MARION
FOR THIRD DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE
A covered dish luncheon was held on April 4th

Political Advertisement

My thanks to the voters for your support at the polls.

Thank you, also, to the Mattapoisett Selectmen for appointing me Harbor Master.

Bob Silveira

Robert A. Silveira Neck Rd., Mattapoisett at the home of Mrs. C. Joseph Nowak, Pres. of Sippican Woman's Club of the Third District. Current presidents and incoming presidents of women's clubs were represented from this area.

There were women from the following clubs present: Mattapoisett Women's Club, Wareham Monday Club, Rochester Woman's Club, Sippican Woman's Club, East Freetown Woman's Club, Taunton Woman's Club and Tuesday Club of Assonet. Because of illness in the family, the Pres. of the Dartmouth Woman's Club was unable to be present.

Mrs. Samuel Lovell, third district director, presided at the meeting which followed. Plans were discussed for the Swampscott Convention which will be held May 15 to 17 when the new-ly elected presidents will be presented formally with great ceremony.

FANTASTICS PROVE JUST THAT-HELD OVER

Due to popular demand by those who were unhappy at missing the highly successful performance of the Fantastics, the group will be held over to allow these people to enjoy the show. This show is said to be marvelous entertainment and is to be repeated on Saturday, April 15th at 8:30 P.M.

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The Mattapoisett Athletics and Sports Committee would like to hear from anyone interested in participating in or promoting additional outlets of activity. Being considered are recreation and sports which could be enjoyed by girls as well as boys and by all age groups from hopscotch to tennis to horseshoes.

Suggestions, opinions, and expressions of interest will be welcome by any of the committee members: Walter DuPont, William MacLean, Carl Nelson and Dr. Charles Hutchings.

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Mrs. Watling is a member of the Rochester Grange #257. Mrs. Church is Public Health Nurse for the Town of Acushnet;

MISS WAREHAM CROWN COMPETITION

The search is underway. The Miss Wareham crown is the prize. Wareham Chamber of Commerce officials have formally announced tentative plans for the Miss Wareham Scholarship Pageant to be held on May 13, 1967 at the Wareham Town Hall.

The present Miss Wareham, Elaine H. Pearsons has been assisting Mrs. Rita L. Blair, Executive Director, by personally writing to future contestants. Any young lady between the ages of 18 - 24 residing in the franchise area and possessing beauty, talent, poise and personality may apply to enter the pageant. The franchise area this year for Wareham includes the towns of Wareham, Marion, Rochester, Carver, Mattapoisett, Middleboro and Plymouth.

Several chairmen have been named by Mr. John Ranney, Pageant Chairman; including the following; Mrs. Laura Ames, Program Book; Donald Bliss, Tickets; Mrs. Emma R. Houle, Patrons; Mrs. Isabel Chadwick, Gifts; Charles Cain, Auditorium; Mrs. Mary Ann Mckee, Music

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Miss Wareham 1967 will be competing in the State Pageant in July, in Attleboro, for the title of Miss Massachusetts and, possibly, the Miss America crown at Atlantic City in Sept-

Last year, our Miss Wareham, Elaine Pearsons also became the Miss Congeniality of the Miss Massachusetts Pageant. This is a very coveted award since the girls themselves vote the win-

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ROCHESTER CLUB MEETS APRIL 12

The postponed meeting of the Rochester Woman's Club will be held Wednesday evening, April 12. Plans will be made for the annual dinner meeting in May and a report will





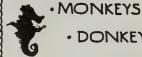




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be received from the chairman of the nominating committee, Mrs. Clarence C. Perry.

MATTAPOISETT JUNIOR GRANGE

There will be a short business meeting of the Mattapoisett Junior Grange Friday night, April 14th. Work shop will follow. The girls 10-14 years old are to bring wash clothes or any suitable material to make pillows. Also, another project is material for 2 place mats. This project is for girls in ages 5-14 yrs.

The boys can bring poster paper to make Safety Posters on bicycle safety. Posters for ages 10-14 must be exactly 14X22 and hand drawn. Ages 5-9 - size llx14 and can use pictures.

Also, boy's project in woodworking, age 10-14, is making a utility board, spool board or reminder board. It must be made of wood not to exceed 22x18

Boys age 5-9- a bird house, made of wood. size, shape and finish to be their personal choice. These articles can be made at home and brought in to finish up in the workshop.

National Home & Community Service Project for boys in both age groups are, 2 candle holders, material & size their own choice, these can also be built at home and finished at the meeting. Also, pictures made of seeds of any kind - size not to exceed 10x14 or smaller.

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MATTAPOISETT GRANGE MEETING

The regular bi-monthly meeting of Mattapoisett Grange was open in form by the worthy Master Susan Bence.

Honored guests were; Edna Day, of the State Home & Community Service Committee; Rebecca Day, Pomona Representative; visiting Masters: Robert Ouellette of Rochester, Herbert La Fleur, of Acushnet, and Manuel Roderick of Fairhaven.

A letter was received from Richard Rawcliffe, a member of Mattapoisett Grange, who is in the Navy doing overseas duty. He expressed his appreciation for the cards, gifts and kindnesses to him this past year. Richard is also a past master of the Junior Grange before graduating into the Subordinate Grange.

Letters were read from the Lions Club in regard to the Club's calendar and one from Mrs.



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tion. Also, notes were read from Donald Farwell Sharon, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Farwell of Bedford and Mrs. Mary Hales of Mattapoisett.

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The worthy overseer, Otto Kellish, received the lecturer's prize.

Mrs. Ruby Barber, chairman of the Home and Community Service Committee, presented Frank Jefferson Jr., of Middleboro, who took over the program hour. He supervised one of the TV programs. The couples taking part were; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Roderick, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kellish and Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel LeBaron. All couples received prizes.

The next meeting April 20th, will be inspection night with Deputy Kenneth Skinner of Whitman present. Degrees will be conferred on two candidates.

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We have received a note from a reader who enclosed a clipping of a letter from the daily paper. She writes, "I was really impressed when a total stranger took the time to sit down and write a note of praise for someone unknown to them in this fast moving day and age."

The letter which impressed this lady was a compliment to a member of the Mattapoisett Police force, Mrs. Beatrice Ingram of Martin Ave., Mattapoisett Mass. Pauline Lipsett of Marion wrote that she was greatly impressed by the policewoman who directs traffic near the school. She wrote, "She not only controls traffic but nods to each passing motorist and says, "Good morning"." "This seems such a trivial gesture, but to me it brightened some mornings that weatherwise were very gray and dismal," the writer stated and she concluded with a wish that more people like this were around to start each person they meet with a brighter outlook for the day.

We are delighted to bring this praise of Mrs. Ingram to the attention of all of the readers of the Presto and thank the lady who called it to our attention. Certainly she is an asset to our town and reflects much credit on the Police force by going beyond the line of duty to make friends of every passing

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am more than just a little concerned about the general attitude that appears to be governing the actions of the citizens of Mattapoisett. I am concerned because our thinking has not kept pace with our growth. We live in rapidly changing times and in 1967 govern ourselves as we did in 1940. Why this is so, I am not really sure. Is it because a few old timers rise at Town Meeting and sway us with a few remarks of why this or that is good enough and why change? Is it because of taxes that we are cost conscious? Is it because we are suspicious? I think it is a combination of all these things and maybe more.

How else do you explain the actions of "We the People" when, on June 14,1965, we decended upon Old Rochester Auditorium with fire in our eyes and tar in our buckets ready to ride the Planning Board out of town on a rail? Why, when all they were doing was their job as we had instructed them? I was rather ashamed of the town that night.

How else do you explain the actions of "We the People" when, on February 15, 1967, we decended again, in record turn-out, upon Old Rochester Auditorium and, in effect, blamed the committee for the rising cost of constructing the Upper Cape Cod Vocational School? Again, not the committee's fault. They were faced with a "no alternative" ultimatum from the State. "Build it our way," say the boys from the State, "or no State funds." I'm afraid we didn't listen well that night. Our minds were made up before we sat down and no amount of

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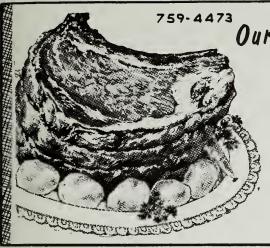
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As parents of a member of the Old Rochester Regional High School Band, and as chaperones on the recent Band Exchange Concert in Poultney, Vermont, we wish to thank the members of the Old Rochester Band for their cooperation and good behavior during the three day trip. A special "Thanks" to Mr. Zavan Mazmanian for his untiring work with the band members in making the Poultney concert the successful one it was.

To the residents of Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester, we ask their support of the High School Music Dept. in their return Exchange concert with the visiting band of Poultney, Vermont, Saturday night, April 15th at 8 P.M. in the Gilbert D. Bristol Auditorium of the High School. An excellent program of musical entertainment has been planned for the evening closing with the combined bands - making over a hundred pieces.

Having attended these concerts in the past, it is discouraging for the band members, who do all of the rehearsing in order to be ready for the concert, to look out into the audience and know that there are more people on the stage than out there listening. Why don't we, as adults, and you students, as teenagers, show the members of the ORR Band that you are behind them 100% by supporting the concert on the 15th. Will we see you then? We hope so.

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AT TOBEY .. Mrs. Donald C. Jason is at Tobey Hospital following surgery and expect to return home this week. She is doing well.

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additional information or persuasion would have changed them. Granted the financial burden on all of us would have been heavy but only until such time as State and Federal reimbursements were paid. Personally, I think we dealt future generations of mechanically minded Mattapoisett kids a low blow that night.

How else do you explain the actions of "We the People" when, on April 3 and 4, 1967, we refuse to allow our Selectmen and Water Commissioners to sit down with our neighbors in Marion and agree to disagree about who is to sell water to who and for how much. Even though their recommendations would have to come back to "We the People" for ratification, we still said, "No talking with Marion." Our Federal Govt. is spending untold millions and exploring every avenue in attempts to get the enemy in Vietnam to sit down at the conference table and try to arrive at a successful conclusion of the hostilities. But, "We the People", here at home, choose to refuse to talk to our neighbors in the next town. If someone has an answer to that one, please explain it to the GIs and to me too.

How else do you explain the actions of "We the People" when otherwise responsible and intelligent citizens rise on the Town Meeting floor, talk for three minutes on a subject they know little or nothing about and thereby kill months of time consuming, fact gathering, hard work by elected and appointed town committees. For the most part, these committees are comprised of interested, non-paid citizens who are doing their level best to arrive at fair, equitable solutions to their respective problems. By law, their Committee meetings are open to the public and the time and place of their meetings must be posted in a public place. In the two years I have been a member of the Facilities Committee, not one citizen of the Town of Mattapoisett has taken the interest and time to attend one of our regular meetings. Yet, these same citizens feel free to rise and speak, cast a few doubts, will not wait to hear complete reports, yell, "Question" and end the whole business right there.

I think we are trying to govern our Town by attending a meeting, a few hours in length, once a year. This is not, or ever will be possible. It is practically mandatory that we keep ourselves informed throughout the year on the duties and progress of the various Town Committees so that, come Annual Town Meeting time, we can arrive at good intelligent decisions.

Like it or not, we are running a million dollar business. That is to say, our expenses are now over the million dollar mark. Now is the time to start looking for revenue to help pay this tab. A Ways and Means Committee, if you will, which can explore every possible means to raise money. Aren't your taxes high enough? Mine are.

A step in the right direction, was the decision of the town to keep the Town owned fish market on the wharf. If we follow up on the offer that was made from the Town Meeting floor, we are \$1,000. richer. Not much, I grant you, but an excellent, commonsense step in the right direction.

Now I am finished. I've blown off a good deal of steam and feel much better. My wife, bless her heart, read this letter and had two comments to make. "Number one," she said, smiling, flashing her pearly whites, (she has a charming way of lowering the boom) "It's too long." "Number two, the whole thing reads as if you were awfully bitter. If you wish to commit political suicide and make a lot more enemies in town that you already have, then go ahead and print it."

Not being too quick in the come-back department, I sat down and thought about it for three days. I finally decided to take my chances come hell or high water.

As for being bitter, no, I'm not bitter. Bewildered perhaps, but not bitter. I know that somehow, somewhere, sometime, we will house our Town Officers and Police Dept. in efficient, safe quarters. My one wish is that we don't delay too long until the only available land left is Haskell's Swamp. When, and if, that day comes, I will not let the Town have it. I will have, by that time, assumed squatter's rights. I will be sitting in front of my lean-to, wearing a green loin cloth, waving an American Flag and shooting off my fire crackers.

C.I. Tripp

P.S. I have requested, in the event that the Publisher of the Presto decides to print this message, he do so in "6 point type," whatever that is.

Believe me Trippy, I wouldn't have it any other way. I couldn't afford to. DCJ editor.